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According to the official statistics the plan has been realized. A large automobile plant was constructed in Zeran near Warsaw. However, automobiles are not made there; they are merely assembled there with parts sent from the USSR. On the other hand, trucks are manufactured in the plant located at Starczewice and carry the name plate "Star" (for Starczewice). The trucks made there are of good quality. Another large plant, which is still under construction is located in Lublin. This plant is going to be the largest in Poland. It is generally believed that the vehicle manufacturing plan will eventually be realized.

The Ministry of Interior ceased to exist at the end of World War II. Formerly there existed a Ministry for Public Administration but three years ago it was replaced by the Ministry for Communal Administration. This Ministry never had anything to do with manufacture of automobiles. The number of Ministries and their competence changes from one year to another. At present there are 29 Ministries.

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Is there an indication of standardization between the Polish Munitions Industry and that of the USSR? If so, which weapons and/or equipment are concerned, and to what extent? (Examples Will Polish weapons fire Soviet ammunition, or vice-versa? Are Polish tanks, trucks, or other equipment patterned after those of the Soviets? Are parts interchangeable?)

As far as I know tanks and armored cars are all manufactured in the USSR and according to Soviet models. Light weapons are manufactured in Poland, especially in the plants of Starczewice and Skarzysko-Kamienna. I believe the weapons are of Soviet model; caliber and quality of ammunition is, therefore, the same in Poland and the USSR. It should always be remembered that the Soviets actually consider Poland as one of the Soviet Republics and that they are in the process of incorporating this country into their system and into their organization, in every respect.

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